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**Inmate Death at USP Tucson**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, November 9, 2020, inmate John Rodrigues tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Tucson in Tucson, Arizona. Institution medical staff provided treatment and monitored his condition. On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital due to respiratory distress. On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Mr. Rodrigues, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital medical staff.

Mr. Rodrigues was a 65-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Hawaii to a Life sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute and Possession with Intent to Distribute 500 grams or more of Methamphetamine and Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute 500 grams or more of Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at USP Tucson since May 27, 2010.

USP Tucson is a high security facility that currently houses 1,340 male offenders.

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